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BOOKLET ON ALASKA'S MIGRATORY BIRDS
AND OTHER WILDLIFE PRODUCED BY FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Alaska's "pageant of wildlife," with emphasis on its abundant migratory birds, is illustrated in a 16-page color booklet just issued by the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service.

Titled "To Have and to Hold," the booklet points out, mostly in photographs, that this natural bounty will not be easy to preserve in a vast area now threatened by rapid change.

In his foreword, Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton stresses that "the life cycle of tens of millions of Northern Hemisphere waterfowl, sea birds and other species are dependent upon Alaska's islands, coastal plains, river valleys and marine waters."

The Secretary adds: "As the decisions to develop Alaska's oil and water resources are being made, it is essential that man also preserve the living riches of this northern land. It will be a crucial test of man's ability, ingenuity and self-restraint to do so. This is the highest aspiration of the Department of the Interior."

The pamphlet, for sale at 35 cents by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, describes the vital role of Alaska in producing migratory birds for America and the entire Pacific Ocean basin and describes the areas that must be protected if these valuable species are to survive.